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In re Application of:

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For: NEW GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- $\beta$  FAMILY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 31, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert new pages 36-52 containing the revised Sequence Listing and renumber the pages containing the claims and abstract accordingly.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

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13. A protein of the TGF- $\beta$  family encoded by an isolated DNA molecule which has a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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- a) the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1,
  - b) a part of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes the mature protein,